## **Sheriff McMahon puts more deputies on local streets**

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is now fielding additional deputies in Victor Valley communities — a move praised by First District Supervisor Robert Lovingood.

"In the unincorporated areas, we added five additional deputy sheriffs," Sheriff John McMahon said in a briefing to the Supervisor.

Lovingood, who has advocated for more deputies in unincorporated areas, previously allocated funds for separate High Desert crime sweeps. Lovingood, who has made law enforcement a priority, welcomed the news.

"Sheriff McMahon has really come through for our residents," Lovingood said. "This is a perfect example of effectively managing taxpayer dollars, because the Sheriff and his team were able to find innovative ways that put more deputies into our communities -- without requiring more funding."

News of the added deputies comes following the February opening of the High Desert Detention Center in Adelanto. The expanded jail allows deputies and CHP officers to book suspects locally instead of driving them down to the West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga. The trip can add several hours for every suspect booked. Sheriff's officials estimate the time saved equals two to four full-time deputies.